

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 A.D.

***Honoring Sandra Williams Bush for her 30 Years of Dedicated
Service with the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library***

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 17th day of September, 2015 A.D., a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, Sandra Williams Bush was born and raised in Buffalo, New York and is the daughter of Willis and Evelyn Williams, who have been married over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Sandra graduated from East High School in the City of Buffalo, and earned an Undergraduate Degree from Medialle College in Human Services, followed by a Master's Degree of Library Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Sandra started her career at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library as a library clerk in 1985, then became a manager of the North Jefferson Library do to her earning her Master's Degree, and in 2006 was appointed as the first branch manager of the new Frank E. Merriweather Jr. Library, the crown jewel of African-American architecture in the Buffalo-Niagara region; and

WHEREAS, the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library houses the largest resource center of African and African-American history in Central and Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Sandra is also a professional storyteller specializing in African-American Folktales, she performs as a solo artist and as a charter member of Tradition Keepers and Black Storytellers of Western New York, a group of storytellers who came together to preserve the oral tradition. In addition to storytelling, Sandra is a djembe drummer with the group Daughters of Creative Sound, an African-American women's percussion ensemble.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to honor and congratulate Sandra Williams Bush on her 30 years of dedicated service to the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors in her well-earned retirement.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature